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A VOTE

On August 11th to Decide About Buying School Site.

At a called meeting of the City Council held Tuesday night it was decided that a vote should be taken in Louisa on August 11th to get the sense of the voters as to whether or not the city shall buy a site for the Kentucky Normal College.

After a full canvass of the situation it has been ascertained that this is absolutely the only way to secure the school. If this fails, we have lost the greatest opportunity in the history of Louisa. The contribution of a site only is an exceedingly reasonable demand for a large established school. The only just way is to pay for it out of the revenue of the city as it can be spared. A few citizens will make a temporary arrangement on their own responsibility to buy the property and carry the debt until the details of the matter can be arranged by the city. It is up to the people of Louisa to say whether they are for or against the best proposition ever offered them from a business, educational, social or moral standpoint. The money appropriated in the proposed manner would not in reality cost the present citizens of Louisa one cent, because the increase in population and wealth directly resulting from the school will pay the debt. On the other hand, the increased business will repay every business man several times over for all the effort he may make. No man with children, grand-children or relatives can afford to vote against the school. No citizen who cares anything for his town, his friends, his neighbors, or for the betterment of humanity should oppose such a worthy movement as this. In fact, who can afford to oppose it?

The property on which contracts have been secured is that selected by Prof. Byington as the most desirable available property. The price is the lowest that could be had. Nobody connected with the deal gets a cent out of it. If any citizen is afflicted with jealousy and fears that some other citizen will profit by the city furnishing the site he may take all the stock he wants in the school. It is for sale.

All necessary restrictions and protection will be placed around this property if the people vote for it. In order to bring the people face to face with the question of cheap accommodations for students the NEWS published an article about boarding at \$2.00 per week, the same that a dormitory will charge. The reception that this suggestion got soon proved to the citizens who were striving for the school that a dormitory built immediately is the only possible means of meeting the demands of the school.

The site selected by Mr. Byington is that belonging to Col. Jay H. Northrup and an adjoining tract owned by the sons and daughters of Major D. J. Burchett. The two places are estimated to contain from five to six acres. They are located between the railroad and the river, in the southern part of Louisa.

Notice of an Election Called by City Council of City of Louisa:

The City Council of the City of Louisa, Ky., deem it necessary to raise \$4000.00 and its interest for the purpose of purchasing a location or site for a college, and the revenue not being sufficient for that purpose, they hereby notify the electors of the City of Louisa, Ky., that an election will be held on the 11th day of August, 1906, to determine whether or not \$4000.00 and interest shall be raised by taxation for that purpose.

There must be raised annually enough money to pay interest and make a sinking fund to pay said indebtedness within the next twenty years.

Attest:
E. T. D. Wallace, Jr., City Clerk.
C. M. Crutcher,
M. W. Chambers,
W. N. Sullivan,
C. B. Bromley,
J. D. Biggs.

C. & O. Sunday Outings.

C. & O. Railway, Sunday Outings, July 1 to Sept. 30, 1906. Half fare, minimum 25 cents; between Big Sandy District stations for morning train No. 37, good to return on evening train No. 38.

Big Sandy Development.

Mr. Edmonds, the able editor of the Manufacturers Record, a paper which devotes much space to this section, is up the Sandy on a tour of observation. He recently spoke as follows concerning the development of this region:

"Kentucky has an amount of natural wealth in her coal, timber, oil and gas that the people of the country and even Kentuckians themselves are just now rightly beginning to understand. There is so much wealth in her coal alone that the mind of man can hardly grasp what a development this one resource will bring to the State. It means that Kentucky is to become one of the brightest States in the Union, and I believe the era of this development is now on. What will be done along this line in the next ten years will make the achievements up to the present appear a mere beginning.

"Kentucky is in the public eye now as it never has been before, and with the development of the resources of the State, there will come a growth of the cities of the State more in keeping with your wealth of natural resources and your geographical advantage of avenues to the Atlantic seaboard states and cities on one hand and the lakes on the other.

"I understand that leases have been made by the Big Sandy Company for ten operations on Marrowbone, and before long they will be shipping about 600 tons of coal every twenty-four hours, and that, in addition, there will be numerous coking plants established. I regard this development as of significance and of great importance to this entire section, and believe that this portion of the upper south is entering upon such development as hardly been dreamed of at it before. Ashland is peculiarly situated with reference to reaping her full share of the benefits which will yield, linked with that of the great section of which she is fast becoming the industrial center."

Democratic Convention.

The Democratic District Committee of the Ninth Congressional District of Kentucky, pursuant to a call of Chairman W. A. Young, met at Lexington, Ky., July 30, 1906.

The Committee was called to order by W. A. Young; Matt Hennessey, of Bracken county, was elected secretary.

It was ordered that a convention be held to select a candidate for Congress in the Ninth Dist. of Kentucky to be voted for at the November election, 1906.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress from the Ninth Congressional District of Kentucky, a mass convention be held at the county seat in each of the counties in said Ninth district, at one o'clock, p. m., standard time, on Thursday, August 30th, 1906, for the purpose of selecting delegates to a district convention to be held at Maysville, Ky., Saturday, September 1st, at one o'clock, p. m., standard time. All known Democrats shall be entitled to participate in said mass conventions.

On motion adjourned.
W. A. Young, Chairman.
M. J. Hennessey, Secretary.

Camp Meeting.

The camp-meeting held at Eloise under the auspices of the M. E. Church is still in progress and will, so we are informed, continue two weeks longer. The meeting is under the immediate direction of the Rev. N. G. Grizzle, of Louisa, but there are several ministers from other places who are rendering efficient aid. The almost incessant rain of last week was not favorable for a very large attendance, but now, so we learn, the number of people at the meetings, particularly the night services, is quite large and the interest is lively and increasing. We are informed that all passenger C. & O. trains stop at the camp ground if requested, so all who wish to attend by rail can do so at very low cost.

Handle Factory.

The Hickory Handle company has rented a part of the DeRemett property in upper Louisa and will locate the mill and lathes thereon.

Hickory timber is already being received. It will probably be a month before the mill is installed.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

A Negro in Jail at Louisa on a Very Serious Charge.

WAS CAPTURED AFTER AN ALL NIGHT HUNT.

Saltpeper is a quiet little settlement about four miles up Tug river, on the Kentucky side, and is the site of Lock No. 1. The people living thereabouts are among our best people, order-loving, church-going, law-abiding; and they were deeply stirred last Thursday evening by one of those occurrences which thrill and shock as no other deed can shock and horrify a community. A black scoundrel attacked a lone woman on the public highway, and had not aid been timely and sufficient her honor, possibly her life, would have been sacrificed on that quiet summer's eve.

Mrs. Lizrie Dean, a widow, poor, but of unimpaired name, had been to the house of Gid Williamson, about 250 yards below the mouth of Saltpeper branch, to help Mrs. Williamson with her milking. She had finished and was on her way to her humble home, carrying with her a bucket of the milk. When about half way home she espied a negro sitting by the roadside, evidently in wait. He accosted Mrs. Dean, asking her what was in her bucket. She told him, and he spoke to her again, using highly indecent language, and before Mrs. Dean was fully aware of his intention the brute had seized her by the throat and thrown her to the ground. He put one hand over her mouth and with the other attempted to choke her into insensibility and submission. The woman struggled hard and finally succeeded in getting the villain's hand from her mouth and screamed and shrieked at the top of her voice. This frightened

the scoundrel and he released his victim and ran. Three of Mrs. Dean's boys had heard their mother and ran as quickly as possible to her relief. They saw the negro, and giving pursuit quickly overtook him. The boys had no weapons, otherwise this would be another story. One started to the house for a gun, but Mrs. Dean and others persuaded the boys to let him go.

Later in the evening Gid Williamson heard of the outrage and, realizing the full heinousness of the crime and the danger to unprotected women in allowing such a villain to be at large, organized a posse to go in search of him and if possible catch him. They scoured the neighborhood and a little after daylight found him not far from Henderson Wells. He was brought to Louisa Friday morning by Gid Williamson and several others and was turned over to County Judge Thompson. The Judge committed him to jail until Saturday when an examining trial was held. The negro gave his name as Charles Jones, and said he was from Lynchburg and was on his way to Key-stone, Mrs. Dean and two of her boys testified, substantially, to the facts as here narrated. The black fiend refused to make any defense whatever and was committed to jail in default of bail in the sum of \$2,500.

Jones is jet black and low, stockily built. He is about 18 or 20 years of age, with a very brutal expression. He will be tried in Circuit Court next month and will no doubt get the limit, 7 years in the penitentiary.

Convention Resolutions.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Lawrence County Sunday School Convention at its meeting in Louisa last week:

Whereas, the favorable providence of God has permitted us to meet again in the annual session of the Lawrence County Sunday School Convention. Resolved,

That we approve the time and place of holding this Convention.

That we heartily appreciate their services and thank Mrs. Nora Sullivan and Miss Kate Froese for solos rendered.

That we thank Prof. G. Milton Elam, Supt. J. H. Thompson and the teachers for their co-operation in the work of our Convention.

That we urge all persons to attend the State Convention to be held at Ashland Aug. 21-23.

That the Supt. be requested to establish an I. B. R. A. in Lawrence county.

That when the Kentucky Normal College shall be located in Louisa that the Sunday Schools of Louisa are requested to see that all students are in some Sunday School.

That we thank Mr. John L. Hibbard for making and presenting to this Convention a good Sunday School map of Lawrence county.

That we thank the County President, Secretary and District officers who have so faithfully served us in making this Association such a power for good in Lawrence county.

That we recommend house-to-house visitation in this magisterial district especially.

L. M. Copley,
Bertha Spencer,
Grace Hill.

Mill For Lockhaven.

F. H. Wetmore, of Connecticut, will arrive here in a few days with the machinery for a large saw mill to be located at Lockhaven, the new town being promoted by F. H. Yates just across the river from Louisa.

Mr. Wetmore was here several weeks ago to look over the situation and decided before leaving that he would locate there. A free site was furnished him.

Lots are being sold in Lockhaven at \$50 each and quite a number have been disposed of already.

Whiskey and the Mountains.

Bishop Lewis W. Burton, of the Episcopal Church, was at the St. Nicholas hotel, Cincinnati, the other evening, and in the course of a conversation concerning the liquor traffic spoke as follows:

The sentiment regarding the liquor traffic and liquor drinking in Kentucky has been steadily changing, and persons who are not aware of this fact are surprised on learning that much more than half of Kentucky is "dry" territory. Many of the mountain counties of Eastern Kentucky have voted themselves dry in self-protection; from experience they have learned that the free selling and free drinking of whiskey was holding them back in a business way and injuring them also in every other way. Everywhere in the mountains I am always kindly received, not alone by my creedal or denominational friends, but by all. I have held Episcopal services in a Presbyterian church and in a Christian church, and in Methodist churches, and all denominations hold services and meetings in the schoolhouse, which are always open to any of them. The people are still primitive, and by the outside world are neither understood nor appreciated.

OBITUARY.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Twenty minutes past nine o'clock on Sabbath night, Jan. 21st, 1906, my dear wife died after having suffered much affliction for three long years.

She was born on Whites creek in Boyd county, Ky., July 8, 1869; moved with her parents, Rev. D. K. Leslie and wife, to Big Blaine, in Lawrence county, the winter of 1881; and we were united to each other in the bonds of holy matrimony by Rev. Wm. A. Christian Jan. 17, 1884. We lived a peaceful happy life as husband and wife for 22 years and four days. She died at the age of 36 years, 6 months and 13 days.

She joined the M. E. Church, South and was converted the winter of 1885, and lived a true devoted Christian for 21 years. She has been dead now six months and six days, and I miss her as bad as the day after she was buried. Thank God my loss is heaven's gain, and while I am sad and lonely in this gloomy old world, my dear wife is enjoying the happy association of holy angels and redeemed loved ones around God's eternal throne. No more sickness, no more death; all is well with her. She has reached the Holy Land that she so often spoke of while living. God help me and her many relatives, friends and neighbors to live to meet her in that holy country. She said to me a few moments before her death, "Cheer up now, this is God's will that I must die. You have been good to me and done all for me you can do. Live right and meet me in heaven." She called her many friends around her bed and asked them to meet her in heaven and raising her eyes toward God she said, "Farewell, vain world, I'm going home," and then fell asleep, safe in the arms of our dear Christ.

O! I am so lonely, so lonely! I no more hear her sweet cheering voice in my little home. My path in this life is very dark, though I must go, my flesh may shrink back, but there is a voice from above saying, "I must go," and I must carry the cross and traverse the desert, and I must be pounded and flailed with misrepresentation and abuse and I must urge my way through 10,000 obstacle that must be slain by my own right arm. I have to ford the river, I have to climb the mountain, I have to storm the castle, but, blessed be God, the day of rest and reward will come, and on the top of the captured battlements I will shout the victory and say as my dear wife said, "Farewell, vain world, I'm going home to that world where there is no gall to drink, no burdens to carry, no battles to fight, no mountains to climb, and in that glory world I will meet my dear Clara not to be separated by death in 22 years, but to live forever and ever in the presence of our redeemed love ones, God and Angels." Yes, God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. I know it is true; God has said it.

Adam Harman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brodness and little son went to Louisa Saturday to locate for some time. Mr. Brodness travels for a Virginia firm, and has been making his headquarters in our city for some time, but will now reside up the O. & S.—Ind.

SUNDAY MAIL.

Louisa and Pikeville to Have Additional Mail Service.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1906.
Postmasters,
Pikeville, Ky.,
Louisa, Ky.
Gentlemen:—

Effective August 5th, clerks in Hinton & Cin. train 2 are instructed to make pouches for your offices daily, instead of daily except Sunday, as heretofore, to go forward over Ash. & Pike express train 28, and clerks in all trains are instructed to utilize this Sunday dispatch to the best possible advantage. The postmasters at Catlettsburg and Ashland are instructed to dispatch mail for your offices to Hinton & Cin. train 2 for return to train 2, thereby making connection with these Sunday pouches and affording a dispatch for all mail accumulating in those offices in the A. M. for you.

Effective same date, you will make a Sunday pouch for Hinton & Cin. train 6 and dispatch same via train 37 for connection with first named train at Ashland. Respectfully,
H. M. Sweetnam,
Chief Clerk.

The above is self-explanatory, and shows what properly directed effort will do. Postmaster Hughes went after this Sunday service and got it. The postoffice will be opened for the reception and delivery of the mail on the arrival of the Sunday afternoon train, and remain open one hour and no longer. The mail deposited in the postoffice Sunday will be made up, but there will be no mail collected on that day.

"Love, Courtship and Marriage"

This fruitful subject engaged the attention of a large and delighted audience at the Court House last Thursday evening. It was the theme of an address delivered by Prof. G. M. Elam, one of the oldest and most successful teachers in Lawrence county. Mr. Elam was the conductor of the Institute held here last week, and Love, Courtship and Marriage, as handled by him before an appreciative audience, served as an admirable break, so to speak, in the strict and wearing work of the week. There is no subject save that of money making which so appeals to the human nature as does that concerning human affections, the affections between the man and the maid. The story began in the Garden and will end with time—like taxes and poverty, always with us.

It is but natural, then, that love and its logical, natural sequences should interest every son and daughter of Grandmother Eve, and these sons and daughters who heard Mr. Elam's lecture were glad they heard the Professor's side of the story.

Absorbed.

The local office of the Triple-State Natural Gas & Oil Company has received orders from headquarters, giving information to the effect that from this time on the Triple-State Company would be known as the United States Gas Company, the latter company having absorbed the former. The local officials know nothing of the deal, and particulars cannot be obtained. The Huntington Advertiser says:

"A deed making known the sale of the Triple-State Natural Gas & Oil Company to the United States Gas Company was recorded in the office of County Clerk McCullough today. The consideration of the sale is for one dollar and other considerations. The terms of the sale are that all property of the Triple-State Company shall be conveyed to the United States Gas Company, including all leases, of which there are more than 340; all pipe lines in three States, all buildings and stations, all equipment, all ordinances, franchises, contracts and other rights. For this consideration the United States Gas Company assumes all the debts and liabilities of the Triple-State Company."

Miss Heloise Thomas, of Louisa, and her house-guests, Miss Wilson, from Beaver, Pa., George Gannell and John McConnell, of this city, returned to Louisa Saturday evening on the steamer Dones, after a short visit with Mrs. G. W. Gannell, at her home on Geiger street.—Catlettsburg Item.